A Letter from Mr. *Robert Johnston*, one of the Elders at *Edenborough*, directed to Master *William Agard* in Cambridge, with a Petition of the English there inclosed, to the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Also Master *Agards* Letter to his friend in London, concerning matters of great moment, tending to the pacification of the miserable distractions of these Present times.

Keepe the Vnity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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SIR,

I Ioy to heare that my good Couſen your wife is already the happy Mother of two Sonnes, for whom as for my ſelfe I pray daily; deſining to have an opportune meeting, that we may rejoyce together in the Lord.

I doubt not of your diligence in doing your God ſervice. You are one of thoſe Watch-men upon Ieruſalems Walles; Never hold your peace, keepe not ſilence, give him no reſt, untill hee ſhall eſtabliſh and make his Sion a praiſe in the earth.

There is great cauſe now, for (with great regreet) I

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feele a fearefull ſhake given to the halfe happy Act of Pacification: Papiſts and Prelates joyne with men (acted by the ſpirit of Sathan) to ſeperate the King from His Parliament in England; and his loyall Subjects (here and there as in Ireland) to the ruine of all: would to God they were all gone that ſo trouble us. Wee have hope here (and I pray for the like with you) that their wicked rod ſhall not long reſt upon your Lot.

Let it pleaſe you to peruſe the incloſed Petition, it came to me by a good hand, tends to a right end, from a firme ground, through a middeſt anſwerable your furtherance will doe much, but God onely can accompliſh the worke which I pray for, and am ſtill

Your loving Conſen.

Edenborough the 12. of Septemb. 1642.

Robert Johnſton.

To the

To the most Excellent Majesty of the King, and to the most Honourable the Lords and Peeres of this Realm. As also to the honourable the Lords and others, Knights Citizens, Barons and burgesses in the Commons House of Parliament now ASSEMBLED.

The most humble Petition of the Churches of God in England, *and of every lively member of the same, whereof the Lord Christ Iesus is the Head.*

Sheweth.

THat *Iam*, is the God of Vnity and Order, But his enemy (*Sathan*) is the author of division & disorder; as appeares by the first *Adams* fall, & the second *Adams* reparation, when to prevent the malice of *Abaddon*, God united his Diety to humanity in the person of his deare son, and him sent to seeke and save, al poor lost sinners beleevers: That in the hypostaticall union, there are 3. distinct Offices, of Propher, Priest, and King, of all which (in his humanity) the Lord Iesus had possession, yet alleadged that his Kingdome (as then) was not of this world, remayning now and ever since at the right hand of his most holy Father in glory, untill his enemies shall be made his footstool. That in 1642 years from the incarnation, the Almighty hath already vindicated the Prophetique and Priests Offices to his Son, against all Turkes, Iewes, Papists, infidels: The Regall Office onely remains undetermined: And the axe is now laid to the root, he that will not take the Lord Iesus Christ for his K. must be brought out and slain. That

That your Most Excellent Majesty (the fountaine of pi-
ety and justice, and the life of the Law unto us your most
humble Petitioners & obedient Subjects) have set to your
seale and in acknowledgment of Gods truth, have subscri-
bed, *Christo auspice Regno. Posui Deum adiutorem meum*,
and the like.

That your Lordships and Honours have likewise come
into the same Government, contending against those Laws
and Customes, opposite to the Law establisht by the Lord
Iesus, and which *Elutherius* prescribed to *Lucius* first Chri-
stian King of this Nation, and to both the Doctrine and
Discipline setled by the Apostles. when at Antioch the
Disciples were first called Christians.

That the recovery of that name Christian will expell the
by names, *Papists*, *Protestants*; *Lutherans*, *Brownists*, *Se-
taries*, *Roundheads*, *Prickeare*, and what not, disgracefully
put upon the Christian Subjects of this Kingdome; Quiet
the present distractions and distempers, cleare all fears and
jealousies, settle the true Religion, and fundamental Laws
of England, Your Majesties Prerogative, the Parliaments
priviledge, and the Subjects propriety and peace, will so be
all at one, to your generall contentment, and the saving of
All in all.

*May it therefore please Your most Excellent Majesty and
your Parliment to agree speedily upon that one thing neces-
ry, and prevent the malicious intendments of the Common
adversary.*

*For which your petitioners are daily suppliant at the Al-
mighties throne, and your laborious servants.*

A Letter From one Maſter *Agard* to his friend in London.

Sir,

I Have read his Majeſties Declarations at large, printed at Cambridge, as alſo his Majeſties vindication, written as I have heard ſay by a Parliament man, but without his name thereunto printed and publiſhed. I have alſo ſeene the paſſages (publiſht) betweene the Scots and the Engliſh anſwering one another, and agreeing together to a far better end (as I hope) than *Sampſons* Foxes with their fire-brands, for they burnt up onely the ſtanding Corne of the Philiſtims, who did then Lord it over Iſrael; theſe I hope will eradicate all thoſe Fox-like incendiaries, Papiſts and Prelates, that have wrought their ends upon the continent of Europe hitherto, and now are at worke in England and Ireland. Bleſſed be God, the North Country Scotland, & the parts of England bordering thereupon, are ſom in calmer condition for the preſent, Pray God continue it, and let the eternall Majeſty be pleaſed to tell his Majeſty (our moſt Gracious Soveraigne) that the Proteſtant Religion in England is not yet ſufficiently reformed, and

that

that his Majesty may not stand still as the Sun (albeit *Iosuah* should command it) much lesse goe backe as in *Hezechiahs* time; but he must goe forward as a Gyant, fight the good fight, and finish his course in keeping faith, that he may not stagger, but stand fast to his temporall Crown in this life, and so obtaine an eternall Crowne of glory: to which my prayer made in the name and mediation of the Lord Iesus Christ, let the Almighty God, and all his faithfull servants say, Amen.

I have sent you herewith a Copy of a Petition which came from England to Edenborough, and is thence againe returned unto me in a Letter from my Couſen *Johnston*, the originalls are here incloſed, you may consider how uſefull they may prove, and uſe them as you pleaſe. Pray let me heare from you as you can with the first opportunity, I will repay it thankfully, and reſt

Yours to be commanded.
William Agard.

From my house in Lond.
24. Sept. 1642.

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